Militants Hiding in Bhutan Forests

2425. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that Assam militants hiding in Bhutan forests have created havoc in Bhutan and also in various parts of our country;

(b) if so, whether Bhutan has shown its inability to flush out ultras from their country;

(c) whether Bhutan has urged India to help them in flushing out these ultras;

(d) if so, whether both the countries have agreed to have a joint inspection force to meet the menace of ultras and also help Bhutan in tackling these ultras; and

(e) to what extent these steps have reduced their activities in Assam and its neighbouring areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (e) The government is aware about the existence of camps of North East Indian Insurgent Groups in Bhutan, which are being used by them for safe havens, sanctuary, training purposes and launching of operations against Indian civilians and security forces.

The Government has taken up the matter with the Royal Government of Bhutan, who have assured that they will not allow these elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India. India and Bhutan are in close touch on this issue.

Central Assistance for Golden Temple Galiara project

2426. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the Central Government to Punjab for the Golden Temple Galiara project; and

(b) by when the entire work is likey to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of India has released Rs. 70 crores to the Government of Punjab for the Galiara Project.

(b) It has been decided to set up a mechanism to ensure its speedy implementation.

Action plan to curb Naxalism

†2427. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has sent any action plan to Central Government to overcome the menace of naxalism;

(b) if so, the details of the plan and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether similar action plan has been considered for Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and other States which are affected by naxalism; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being proposed to have co-ordination in action against naxalism in all the said States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Integrated Action Plans, encompassing development as well as security aspects in the affected areas, were received from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa and were forwarded to the Planning Commission for earmarking separate funds for the purpose. A Committee Constituted by the Planning Commission in this regard has, however, recommended that Left wing extremism affected districts may be included under the proposed Scheme of the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana. This Ministry has, accordingly, requested the Planning Commission to include these districts under BDI scheme so as to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure in these areas. Besides, some funds have been allocated for construction of rural/district roads in the LWE affected areas under the Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(d) For coordinated action against naxalism a Coordination Action Group to coordinate sharing of intelligence and anti-naxalite operations between the affected States has been functioning under the

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